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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2006

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	10/694,235
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Art Unit	3763
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## 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

## 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

## Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)  
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)  
Multiple dependent claims

	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
	50	25
	200	100
	360	180
<b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b>		
	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>

**Total Claims**      **Extra Claims**      **Fee(\$)**      **Fee Paid (\$)**  
 27      -20 or HP (26) = 1      x      25      =      25.00

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

**Indep. Claims**      **Extra Claims**      **Fee(\$)**      **Fee Paid (\$)**  
 5      - 3 or HP = 0      x      \_\_\_\_\_      =      \_\_\_\_\_

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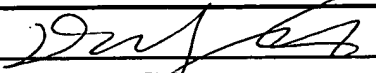
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In re Application of:

Racz et al.

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Filed: October 27, 2003

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Examiner: L. Thanh

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action mailed November 2, 2006, please amend the referenced patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are set forth on page 2 of this paper; and

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks** start at page 8 of this paper.